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Charlie's Chatter

Last week, I mentioned the need for a vision and a mission. Early this week, the School Library Media Activities Monthly arrived. I started flipping through it while eating my lunch. I found an article by Marjorie Pappas entitled 'Nurturing Your Vision'. She confirmed what I had been saying for some time. One of the points she made was that you should identify leaders in the field of school library programs and when the professional journal arrive, you scan the table of contents and look for articles by these people and mark them for reading at a later date. She like me, found it refreshing to have her vision confirmed by the leaders in the practice.

I have found

that as I travel the state and meet with practicing librarians that I listen and am confirmed in my vision. The information I learn, the stories that I hear serve to help me better represent you here at the department. This week I met with some great librarians in Clarke County and as we talked about Linking Libraries I found that this project is right on target for meeting the need of librarians across the state.

The VEMA regionals have also confirmed that the documents created through the collaboration of the librarians across the state are of value to all of us who are trying to make that connection between the activities that occur in the library and the classroom. Truly we are

Linking Libraries and Academic Achievement (LLAA).

Happy Sailing!



Clarke County Librarians learn about LLAA



Virginia Department of Education
Office of Educational Technology, School Library Programs

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• Dates to Remember

Great American Grump Out Day May 25

Be kind to animals May 1-7

School Principal Day May 1

Library Legislative Day-May 4

Using the Integration Tracker in LLAA

One of the features of the LLAA that will help gather evidence of connecting to the SOL is the Integration Tracker, which can be found at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/OET/libraryv.shtml>. This Excel spreadsheet is divided into a sheet for every grade level. Download the sheet(s) for your grade level and

save it as an Excel file. When you open the file, there are three worksheets in the file: one for SOL, one for NILS or National Information Literacy Skills, and one for the Computer/Technology standards of learning.

Click on the SOL worksheet. In column A-enter the

names of the teachers for that grade level or subject. The additional columns list ALL of the SOL that can be taught in the library in that grade/subject. Each time a lesson is taught, record the date of the lesson beside the teacher's name in the appropriate column.

Using the Tracker con't

If you are familiar with formulas in Excel you can generate some great reports. Print these reports and share with your principals. These reports will show how many lessons you have taught and which teachers you have been reaching. Full directions for using the tracker will be posted on the web within the next week.

Scope and Sequence?
Wondering what to teach when?

Within the LLAA project is a listing of every SOL and the connections to the state tech plan. It is a searchable Excel spreadsheet. Do a search on the grades/subjects that you

teach and copy and paste it in to a new sheet. Then you will have a convenient way to know what skills you can teach while students are at your school.

If you have suggestions for additional activities and strategies, please send them to the appropriate grade level captain:

K-2 MWalls@hanover.k12.va.us
3-5 EMarrion@nps.k12.va.us
6-8 LHannaga@arlington.k12.va.us
9-12 Kathy.Lehman@ccpsnet.net



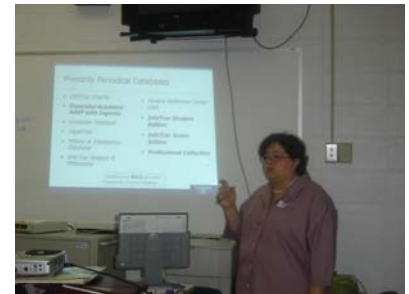
Gale Database Training

If you have not taken advantage of the training that has been offered this spring you have missed a real treat. A special note to elementary librarian, there IS plenty for you to use with your students. Check out Kids InfoBits and the Biography Resource Center.

Those who have attended have left filled with information on searching strategies, ways to save the information found, sharing searching with others, and ways to create cita-

tions for the information found. No additional training sessions will be offered this school year but watch for additional sessions to be offered this fall.

If you are a small school division and would like to host a regional training session this fall, please let me know.



Stacey Knibloe conducts Gale Training

Gale Resources

Here are some great URL that you may find helpful in learning to use the Gale resources.

Gale Search Assistance electronic response site.
http://www.gale.com/customer_service/contact/search.htm

Citing sources within Gale
http://www.gale.com/technical_support/citing.htm

Customizing searches and appearance
http://www.gale.com/customer_service/contact/customer_access.htm

Product Usage Reports
http://www.gale.com/technical_support/faq/usage_report.htm

Galeschools.com
<http://www.galeschools.com/media.htm>
Resources for administrators, librarians, teachers, students and parents

Teaching tools
<http://www.galeschools.com/teachingtools/index.htm>

You'll find FAQs, sample searches and demonstrations that will help you and offer your students quick ways to build comprehension and understanding of the functionality and content of your school's Thomson Gale products

Online and Virtual Schools

Online and virtual schools are a rapidly growing feature in today's education community. CNN has an article that explains the phenomena. <http://www.cnn.com/2004/EDUCATION/08/13/b2s.elearning/>

The Peak Group, an education technology research and consulting firm, expects that more than 1 million students will take advantage of "virtual schools" this school year. Another research firm, Eduventures, predicted the online distance learning market will grow more than 38 percent in 2004, taking in \$5.1 billion in revenue.

Virginia is moving in this

direction also. Virtual Virginia is the name of the project that is developing opportunities for students and teachers to participate in online learning. Check out <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/DOEhour/virtualvirginia.html>

Cathy Cheely, formerly a librarian at Brunswick County High School and more recently Director of Technology in Brunswick, has joined the Department of Education as the coordinator for Distance Learning. She can be reached at (804) 225-2972, Cathy.Cheely@doe.virginia.gov

If you are in a school that is participating in a distance education

project, is it changing library services? What are the implications for providing resources for students that may or may not be taking a class that is not based in Virginia?



Equipment is in place at many schools to begin virtual learning

SIRS and E-Library Training Resources

Be sure to check out the training opportunities and resources that are available at <http://www.proquestk12.com/training.shtml>

ELibrary Quick Search Guide
<http://www.proquestk12.com/pic/pdfs/elibqsg.pdf>

SIRS Researcher Quick Search Guide
<http://www.proquestk12.com/lsm/sirs/pdfs/SIRSResearcherQSG.pdf>

The Library of Virginia's online databases may be remotely accessed at www.finditva.com

SIRS Discover Quick Search Guide
<http://www.proquestk12.com/lsm/sirs/pdfs/>

Free online training classes are scheduled each month for most of the ProQuest databases used by elementary and secondary schools. These live one-hour training classes are conducted by a ProQuest database specialist. They offer ample opportunities for asking questions and learning the best way to search ProQuest databases. You can register for online classes at <http://www.proquest.com/k12training>.

Kids Commonwealth web site

Kids Commonwealth is devoted to helping kids across Virginia learn more about their Commonwealth. Here you will find information about Virginia's economy, political processes, notable places and people — not to mention [a game or two](#) that will make your fact-finding fun! You'll also find links to lots of other interesting sites, plus cool facts in history and new vocabulary, too. So take off your shoes

and surf a spell. The Commonwealth is just a few clicks away!

<http://www.kidscommonwealth.virginia.gov/home/>



VEMA President Addresses Board of Education

Kathy Lehman, president of the Virginia Educational Media Association addressed the members of the Board of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia at their April 19, meeting. She was accompanied by Terri Lent, chair of the Advocacy committee. They presented the members of the board with copies of the Powerful Partnerships brochures, the Academic Success@ Your Library brochure, and spoke about the importance of school libraries to the overall academic success of Virginia's school children. She also presented them with the great buttons that show the connections between school libraries, SOL, AYP, and NCLB.

Thank you Kathy for your advocacy on behalf of Virginia's school children.



Kathy led the crew of the 9-12 Linking Libraries Project



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We can not control the wind, but we can adjust the sails.